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'FACILIS DESCENSUS AVERNI', ***"Easy Is The Descent Into Hell."*****----Virgil**

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President's Message December, 2010

Well folks 2010 is just about over and hope you've had a good year. I am still trying to keep in touch with what's going on with all the events which has been a challenge and I haven't been attending as many club meetings or functions as I would like. But I still enjoy the ones I have been able to attend and the best part are still the programs and all your Show-N-Tells and now the auctions being held at meetings.

In October I missed the Diablo Numismatic Society Coin Show in Concord, California this year but I understand it was well attended. I made the Delta Coin Show in Stockton and took three persons from the Vallejo Coin Club that don't usually attend. As President of the Vallejo Numismatic Society that was the host club for the California State Numismatic Association's collector retreat and moderated the day long event with four speakers who all turned out to have very interesting subjects. And then attended the Fremont Coin Club's Anniversary meeting where cake was servered in celebration.

November had me attending the Penninsula Coin Show at Napredak Hall in San Jose where NCNA held a short board meeting and we looked over the floor plan for the new venue for the Nor-Cal 2011 Coin Show.

December turned out to be a very good month. At the Fairfield/Vallejo Joint Christmas party I was honored by the American Numismatic Association with the Presidential Medal, presented by my friend, Walter Ostromecki, ANA Governor on behalf of ANA President, Clifford Mishler and also honored was Irene Carrillo. What a night we had as another friend, Mike Stanley as current NCNA past President, presented Irene and myself with the Miller Medal. I also presented four NCNA President's Medal to Ed Hoffmark, Kathy Walsh, Mike Butler and Kevin Quenga. Then at Fremont's Christmas meeting I presented another NCNA President's Medal to Wanda Johnson.

Currently I am working on the Vallejo Numismatic Society's 2011 Coin Show (Sunday, May 1st) and the Nor-Cal 2011 Coin Show (Saturday, July 30th and Sunday, July 31st) as Bourse Coordinator for both this year and we looking forward to our new venue at the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building.

Just a reminder that NCNA prints a coin show list, a free service to the numismatic community, listing is updated quarterly. If your club has an upcoming show send information early to: NCNA, Fred G. van den Haak, P. O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 49306-0484 or e mail to fredvdh@gmail.com

As you can see there are many ways to get involved and support your local coin club. Just join and participate. You just can't beat the good times, with the friendship of fellow numismatists, along with expanding your knowledge of the hobby. Hopefully I will see you and get acquainted at all the other upcoming club shows or functions. As I always say, support your local clubs, don't just let the other guy do it all, for you too can enjoy the fruits of your labors! Until we meet again, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Harry W. Davis

Harry W. Davis, President

THIRTIETH (30th) ANNIVERSARY
1981—2011
NCNA HEADS AND TALES

Special Call For 101st Issue/Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary Issue

With the next issue, intended normally for May 2011, NCNA HEADS AND TALES will reach an historic and important landmark date, three decades *and* thirty years of service by and from the same Editor (of course, the latter to many means little! *LOL!)*

With this significant anniversary, coupled with our Association's own Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50th) Anniversary, 1961—2011, Your Editor is calling, and encouraging submission, from ***ALL*** NCNAers for the next intended and enhanced issue.

These submissions might revolve ***around the changes these past thirty years in our hobby***, as modern commemoratives began in 1982, or ***the great personalities*** that once served and made presence in and around our northern California organized numismatics, as the legendary Rudy Gjurovich or the husband and wife, Denis and Lillian Hooker, or ***some story or saga from the past three decades***, as those fondly remembered 'barn-burner' Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) shows at the Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill, or ***these might offer trends and observations into the next thirty years.***

Whatever Your Editor is calling upon ***ALL*** NCNAers to contribute, and hopefully, the likes of sailor and salty story *Michael M. Stanley,* my 'mother' and dear friend *Sally Johnson*, maybe the grand *O.L. Wallis*, the nonagenarian *Syd Kass*, or coin celebrant *Daniel O. Shattuc*, who once was a commanding presence with youth numismatics, or those further a field, as current American Numismatic Association (ANA) President *Clifford L. Mishler*, who was the Master of Ceremonies, at the request/invitation of Your Editor, to our Silver Jubilee Banquet back in September 1986, or a tireless hobby advocate as *Gene Hoy* shall reply and share a submission.

Reading the aforementioned, one understands the intention and as stated (*and the names given were as samples as much as encouragement to them and all*), any and all submissions would be welcomed. A larger issue for this special, and historic, NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is anticipated, and if additional printing is needed, then so be it. *Thirty Years Happens Only Once, and Only After Three Decades!*

Here are the requirements: *One*, it is limited to one page maximum, and it must be in Times-Roman or like type, no smaller than 11pt, with one (1") inch margins, and signed or have name. *Two*, a title or heading is optional. *Three*, any names and dates are imperative but need to be correct. *Four*, the tone must be positive and emphasize positive. *Five*, any and all submissions, whether in traditional hard-copy or downloaded electronically, must be compatible to NCNA HEADS AND TALES and are subject to revision, rewrite, redoing, or rejection. The deadline is **April 15, 2011**, 'Tax and Titanic Day'.

Mail to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or download, in Microsoft Word or the like, to EMPEROR1@juno.com.

MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

With the year ending and with the impending double anniversaries in 2011, namely our Association's Golden Jubilee, 1961—2011, and NCNA HEADS AND TALES' Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary, 1981—2011, my thoughts turn and merry-go-around on 'far greater things' than just another rainy day here at my PC or a bill to pay or clothes to wash or kitchen floor to sweep or the car to service.

These are mundane, everyday things, and these happen to all of us, and happened to those before us and shall happen to those after us. These happen, and these shall always happen.

Yet, these cloud our thoughts and our being from that which are 'far greater things', that which makes someone arise from the mundane, that which insures one lives, and lived, life to the fullest, and that which brings accomplishment and satisfaction.

Back in 2007, during my infamous seventy-five (75) service as an American Numismatic Association (ANA) place-holding Governor, during that week of the ANA's World's Fair of Money, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, one of the Governors shared some insights with me. M. Remy Bourne, a noted numismatist and respected advocate for our hobby, remarked to me----*in an open discussion about what I should or might do, if anything was possible in those short 'fill-in' place-holding days*----that 'Stan, remember, you need to think of legacy'. *Legacy.*

We do not think of *legacy* on rainy days nor when bills are paid or clothes are washed, and then folded and placed in drawers or hung in the closet, or the kitchen floor swept again after the family dog and his/her muddy paws, or driving away from Jiffy-Lube. No, those are things are the parcel and pack, brick-and-mortar, and day-in-day out, or 'sos' of anyone's life.

Yet, to those of us who wish to leave something, who wish to have some testimony, and who wish that their life is more than rainy days, bills, clothes, sweeping floors, and oil changes, than *legacy* has purpose and has meaning. It becomes a credo, objective, and intention.

Each of us needs to decide and to provide whatever he or she wishes or wants as his or her *legacy*, and *legacy* is far greater than provisions in a Will or bequests in a Trust. It is your contribution and your enduring change to whatever. It is what is remembered and what is continued. It is yourself.

Two thousand years ago, ancient Roman poet, Virgil wrote *"Your Descendents Shall Gather Your Fruit."* The great 19th Century British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli once remarked, *"The Legacy Of Heroes Is The Memory Of A Great Name and The Inheritance Of A Great Example."*

While Virgil might imply one's children and grand-children and Disraeli spoke of heroes, the message of both is clear and concrete: your final and lasting remembrance shall be your *legacy. Legacy.*

Leave Something. Leave Something From Yourself. Leave A *Legacy.*

***Remember,* Have Fun With Your Hobby! Always Serve Others! Enjoy Your Collecting! And, Create Hope and Do Good!**

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini, *F.R.C.N.A., LSME*
Editor

NOR-CAL X COIN SHOW

Saturday and Sunday, July 30 and 31, 2011
10:00 AM To 5:00 PM, *Saturday,* and 10:00 AM To 4:00 PM, *Sunday*
Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane,
off either Redwood Parkway or Tennessee Street, at I-80
Vallejo, California

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Well, NCNAers, President Harry W. Davis is pleased to announced, and promotion has already begun, that our Association has its Nor-Cal X Coin Show set and scheduled. The Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building is a well-maintained facility and allows for expansion to a fifty (50+) plus bourse area over three well-lighted easily connected three rooms, Dance, Annex, and Dining. There is ample space for exhibits, information tables, youth table, and the like. There will be 'on-site' full luncheon and food service, and parking plus admission is FREE!

Bourse Applications have been prepared, and potential coin dealers are asked to contact Bourse Coordinator Harry W. Davis to reserve tables. Bourse fees remain unchanged from 2010.

Since this year marks the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) Golden Jubilee, actually August 7, 1961, there is the strong possibility of an anniversary banquet/dinner on the Saturday evening, July 30, 2011, most likely off-site from the Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building.

Note: Since the Nor-Cal X Coin Show is at the end of July, the next NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue, usually in May, may be postponed until late May or June, to include any updates and promotion.

Golden Jubilee

Sadly, nothing was received in response to the appeal for medal design and ideas for our Association's upcoming Golden Jubilee, 1961--2011. Regardless, efforts will be pushed and promoted to do a special wood, elongate, and a medal, in off-metals and silver, provided silver 'doesn't blow the roof off'! The

next issue of NCNA HEADS AND TALES should have the specifics for this commemoratives as well as an anticipated anniversary dinner/banquet, to which several honored invitations are to be extended.

Medal designs and ideas are still welcomed, and these should be forwarded posthaste to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*.

Medal designs need to include a ***theme or scene or something about or around northern California or recognized California symbols***, the years ***1961—2011***, and the wording ***Golden Jubilee***. The designs should be at least six inches (6") in diameter in black or dark against a clear white background. If a design is selected, as is traditional, the designer would add his/her initials/monogram. The ***deadline of January 31, 2011*** is reminded, and mail to the aforementioned post office box.

Next Board of Directors Meetings

First, the Board will gather on ***Saturday,*** **January 15, 2011, 2:00 PM, in Vallejo, California at the home of Michael S. Turrini**. The meeting may relocate to a neighboring restaurant. Directions may be requested via EMPERORI@juno.com.

Second, since it may prove convenient, the next Board meeting will be on ***Saturday,*** **February 19, 2011, at 1:00 PM, in Santa Rosa, California, during the Redwood Empire Coin Club's Show**. The meeting will be at the assign seating/meeting area within E.L. Finley Hall on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Any and all Club Members are welcomed to send a voting Club Delegate, and information may be telephoned to *707-642-0216*.

2011 Miller Medal

Reminder: The ***deadline is June 30, 2011***, and written nominations must be to President Harry W. Davis. With our Nor-Cal X Coin Show and the anticipated anniversary banquet/dinner during this year's Nor-Cal X Coin Show, this might prove an excellent venue for any '*Miller Medal*' presentations. Included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is an updated roster of the '*Miller Medal*' recipients.

2011 Dues Notice

Has been included with this issue, and prompt remittance is requested. Membership Cards would be issued upon receipt of payment. One may prepaid several years in-advance, and our Association does **not** have a *paid* Life Membership. Mail to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*.

NCNA Services

As President Harry W. Davis noted in his 'President's Message', our Association continues its long-serving 'Coin Show Schedule', and its effectiveness is depended upon the timely, and complete, submissions of information. Fred G. van den Haak coordinates and compiles this service, and he may be reached at *'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'* or fredvdh@gmail.com. Local coin clubs may request reasonable complimentary copies for free distribution at their respective events, meetings and coin shows. There is no charge, save a nominal amount for mailing or excessive duplicating and copying. Write to: *'PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484'* or fredvdh@gmail.com.

Another Service: Our Association also has a ready supply of exhibit ribbons for exhibit awarding. These are not substitutes for formal awards as plaques or trophies; however, these are excellent for mounting on citations/certificates or on the actual exhibit case. Contact Your Editor at EMPERORI@juno.com.

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: NCNA Club Happenings

Welcome To Another Saga Among Organized Numismatics Around Northern California (and into The Silver State, Nevada!). First, about a month ago, during a local coin club meeting, at which Your Editor sometimes distributes complimentary copies of NCNA HEADS AND TALES, a non-member, in perusing the September 2011 issue remarked, quite vocally, that this newsletter confirms much time and effort coupled with the fine and good reporting and coverage of local organized numismatics. Candidly, that is one of the very few positive comments that Your Editor has received in three decades of editing and publishing NCNA HEADS AND TALES. *It Was Appreciated. Second,* this issue of initials and not publishing full names has come to resolution upon my part: for those local coin clubs practicing such in their respective newsletters/bulletins, your coverage, if any, shall be predicated upon my willingness to guess and generate a name or two, with the minimum time and effort. *Simply That. Third,* again, complimentary copies are required, separate from my personal received copies as a member of most all northern California local coin clubs. Conventional mail may be to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'* or electronic mail to EMPERORI@juno.com. Since Your Editor receives a personal copy at his home address, the extra issue for NCNA HEADS AND TALES may be included with it. Since a few local coin clubs have already begun solely electronic distribution and among 'spam' and my own e-mails received, please note 'newsletter/bulletin' in the subject line. *Thanks!*

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB In going through my copies of the ACC's TWO CENTS WORTH, the last issue received was August 2010. Hum? No Coverage.

CALIFORNA EXONUMIST SOCIETY Will have a new President in 2011, and she is LILA ANDERSON, who asked current Editor MICHAEL S. TURRINI to edit and to publish with the quarterly MEDALLION. Among other CES Officers are: PHILLIP A. IVERSEN, *Vice-President*, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, moving over to the *Treasurer's* position, CATHERINE EDGERTON LENKER, *Secretary,* and VIRGINIA L. BOURKE, DONALD FOSTER, FREYDIS GRANT, ALVIN H.W. LO, and HERBERT MILES, *Directors*. CES' enjoyed its Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50^{th}) Anniversary, 1960—2010, this past December 4, 2010; but, without any fanfare. In the October 2010 MEDALLION, a table listing all CES' Presidents and Editors was given, and two prominent NCNAers have been CES' Presidents: O.L. 'Wally' WALLIS and MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY, and 'Wally' also served four years as the CES' MEDALLION Editor. In this October 2011 issue, an excellent article authored by SAMUEL DEAL with grandfather MICHAEL BRIMER, both of Fairfield, California, was published, to great reviews and responses, titled *'The Doubloon: A Story of Pirates, Adventure, and Treasure'*, and it was so well received that it has been included with this NCNA HEADS AND TALES, along with LOTTE SATHER's *'Red Goose Shoe Medals'*. CES will hold its semiannual gathering on Saturday, January 29, 2011 during the San Jose (California) Coin Club's Show in The Doubletree Hotel, 2050 Gateway, in San Jose, California. This gathering will begin at 1:00 PM and be held in the Hotel's San Jose Room. The highlight of this gathering would be another famous CES 'fund--and fun—raising auctions'. Information can be learned via EMPERORI@juno.com.

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB In going through my copies of the CCC's COIN PRESS, there are issues missing between September and November, and the usage of initials precludes any worthy coverage. December 10, 2010 was the CCC's year-ending 'Christmas Party' with those famous Togo sandwiches. The upcoming January 14, 2011 meeting will hear KENNETH J. BARR speak. (Your Editor hopes the weather and the rain stop for a while to allow the beaches to dry, and he might make the January 2011 CCC meeting to hear KEN, weather and rain is permitting!). The CCC did announce its 2011 Coin Show: February 20, 2011, again at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, in San Jose, California, hours 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. While parking is free, there is a nominal admission of $2.00, per adult, 18 or older. A forty-five (45) table bourse is anticipated, and Bourse Coordinator BRUCE BRAGA may be contacted at 408-839-1883 or BruceBraga1@AIM.com.

DELTA COIN CLUB By the time, this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is received, the DCC would have held its Annual Installation Dinner on Friday, January 7, 2011 returning to UJ's Restaurant in Stockton, California. DCC President CLIFFORD RICE has asked Your Editor to again be the Dinner's Master of Ceremonies, do the installation, and present the annual appreciations. Last September 17, 2010, the DCC held its own Annual Fund-Raiser Auction: "a total of ninety donated lots brought in a total of $684.25. A special thanks goes to TONY RANTZ, for compiling the material and cataloguing the lots for potential bidders. Thanks also to CLIFFORD RICE and KEVIN V. MALOY for acting as the Auctioneers. Then, not auction is complete without a Runner, which was filled by JASON LEUENBERGER. But, also the Cashiers are then needed, and this important task was filled by

DEBBIE-SUE and LORIS ENZMINGER." Thanks were also expressed to the bidders and donors, all DCC members. *Note:* TONY RANTZ began assembling lots several months beforehand and was providing downloaded lists to the DCC's members and others also month's in-advance, and this helped make this year's Fund-Raiser a major success. Attending this event was Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) President HARRY W. DAVIS and First Vice-President IRENE CARRILLO. Among recent highlights for the DCC was that its long-serving, and nonagenarian, Secretary and Editor SYDNEY M. KASS was honored with a *'President's Medal'* by and from out-going California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President MICHAEL S. TURRINI this past December 4, 2010 during the renowned Joint Christmas Party of the Fairfield Coin Club and Vallejo Numismatic Society, making SYD the final recipient of President TURRINI's term.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY In going through my copies of the DIABLO DIE BREAK, there are issues missing since October. This may be traced to Editor STEVE MCCLURE's recent extended illness. As this NCNA HEADS AND TALES issue is being mailed, STEVE is recovered and enjoying some well-earned rest and relaxation in his native homeland, The Peach State, Georgia. The DNS ended its 2010 year with an upscale and formal affair at Pleasant Hill, California's Zio Fredo's, which even included floor-show entertainment by the owner himself, a piano bar, and expansive drawing (raffle). The 2011 Officers were installed, and President JAMES H. LAIRD returned as the Society's *President*, with JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR., *Vice-President*, WILLIAM J. GREEN, *Treasurer*, and BRADFORD E. LEE, *Secretary*. Among the attendees at this black-tie event was PENNY STANLEY, daughter of MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY, who was visiting from her Hawaii home. Also attending were these Presidents: CHARLES F. 'Chuck' CALL, Fremont Coin Club, JON-MARIA MARISH, Solano Silver Round Club, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, California Exonumist Society.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Continuing a long-tradition gathered on the eve before Thanksgiving, November 24, 2010, and heard mountain climber MEGAN DELEHANTY speak and show slides of her attempts at Mount Everest, making the famous summit on the third try. The top prize at this meeting's drawing (raffle) was a black box GSA CC Dollar, won by WILSON RAY, who is the Club's Youth Coordinator.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Reports that its September 14, 2010 White Elephant Auction was a great success, earning the Society $628.00, which is allocated toward the Society's coin show expenses: "JIM OBLER superbly acted as the master of ceremonies for this Auction, and he was truly flawless in his knowledge of all the donated items, about forty (40), and he was unbelievable in coaxing out maximum bids, and thus, revenue for our FNS. JIM was very admirably assisted by our own DENNIS OLSWANG, who once again proved to be an unbelievable source of numismatic facts. And, let us not forget SANDRA ARIE, who was writing fast and furious all meeting long to keep up with all the Auction purchases. Finally, let us thank RUTH PHILLIPS for not only filling in for our absent Secretary, but also for bringing in over $125.00 with proceeds from four of her world renown fabulously famous apple pies. The bidding really got fast and furious over those pies!" Speaking of RUTH, a legendary advocate for our hobby here in The Golden State, she hosted the October 5, 2010 FNS Board of Directors meeting, and it is worth reporting here: "with that all said and one, President KEN RICHERT called the meeting adjourned, which at that time we all retired to enjoy world famous PHILLIPS fresh baked apple pie." And, as RANDY CLIFTON, FNS' Editor, noted, "oh, the things we do for this Society." RANDY in the November FRESNO NUMISMATIST commented about the 'graying of numismatics', and added "let's keep young members interested and get them to more of our meetings."

FREMONT COIN CLUB Reported that it elected, or reelected, its 2011 Officers and Directors: CHARLES F. 'Chuck' CALL, *President*, BRUCE CAIRES, *First Vice-President*, DENNIS PAGANO, *Second Vice-President*, BRIITA EHLERS, *Treasurer*, AARON HOUSTON, *Corresponding Secretary*, and DOROTHY GALOVICH-CALL, *Recording Secretary*, with HARRY W. DAVIS, DONALD EHLERS, WANDA JOHNSN, RAY KOWALSKI, and JAMES LAWRENCE, *Directors*. These Officers and Directors would be installed at the Club's January 16, 2011 Installation Banquet, again at Spin-A-Yarn. The FCC ended 2010 with a special visitor to its December 14, 2010 meeting, namely Santa Claus, who distributed Christmas Stockings to youngsters attending. Going back to the Club's October 12, 2010 meeting, DONALD R. BARSI showed and shared his exonumia and ephemera accumulation from the 1939 and 1940 Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE): "the Exposition, which was held on Treasure Island, was a World's Fair that celebrated the Bay Area's two newly built bridges, the Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge. DONALD noted that there were no official commemorative medals for GGIE, because the United States Mint did not participate in the two-year long event. But, DONALD added, that there were a myriad of exonumia to come from this Expo, much of which no longer exists. DONALD brought trade tokens,

mules, Treasure Island Dollars, medals, including the desirable perpetual calendar from San Francisco, California's renowned jeweler, Shreve & Company, elongated Lincoln Cents, paper ephemera, including post cards, ash trays, and jewelry." A couple of good news, kudos, from the Fremont Coin Club: *first,* 2011 is the Club's Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1971—2011, and *second*, two its devoted members and supporters, HARRY W. DAVIS and IRENE CARRILLO were honored by both the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and American Numismatic Association (ANA), this past December 4, 2010. As AARON HOUSTON, the FCC's DOUBLE EAGLE Editor, noted, 'Well Done!"

GATEWAY COIN CLUB In going through my copies of the GCC's COINNECTION, only one issue, October 2010, was received. Appreciation was given to MARY FLOWERS, for her assistance to the Club, and to DEN DEWITT, who is the Club's Secretary, for his excellent program, at the September 21, 2010 meeting, about the "background and details of the situation and circumstances that surrounded the establishment of the internment camp at our own Merced Fairgrounds, soon after the beginning of World War II."

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB You had to be BILL HURJA who "picked up fourteen Proof Sets for the Coin of the Month" at the LVCC's November 16, 2010 meeting. The Club ended 2010 with an Annual Christmas Party, and potluck, this past December 21, 2010, with about twenty in attendance.

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY A fourth generation San Franciscan and former President of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society (PCNS) JAY WILLIAM PATTERSON, III, passed away last August 10, 2010 at age 66. He was an avid collector and served as PCNS President, creating along with the late DONALD T. THRALL, those rare Pacific Coast Numismatic Society 'bonds' issued in 1975 to raise funds for the Society's Sixtieth (60th) Anniversary medal. JAY was PCNS' President at the time. *Sidebar:* These 'bonds' are among the most sought after PCNS memorabilia, and Your Editor has one in his collection, #006, was issued to fellow PCNS President, and well-known northern California numismatist, O.L. 'Wally' WALLIS. In his professional life, JAY was the Registrar of Voters for the City and County of San Francisco, and while he retired years ago, he "is credited with inventing the 'provisional ballot', which allows a vote to be cast when there is a question regarding the voter's eligibility. This 'provisional ballot' allows a ballot to be cast and the facts to be determined satisfactorily later." This type of ballot has become standard throughout California for the last twenty-five (25) years, and was adopted into Federal Law back in 2002. A quiet and private man, his contribution was to become a national standard, and his passing was a private matter: a certain lasting accomplishment from a fellow numismatist. In addition, ROBERT R. JOHNSON, well-known San Francisco based coin dealer, and founder of a firm with his name, passed away recently. ROBERT was also a long-time member of PCNS, and his shop, once located across from the Fairmount Hotel, was a regular 'watering hole' among numismatists, among professional numismatists, he was very well respected, having served back in the 1970s, President of Professional Numismatist Guild (PNG). *Sidebar:* ROBERT remained an NCNAers for many years.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Had a nice crew who contributed to the success and surety of the PCC's November 14, 2010 Coin Show; they were identified in the Club's December 2010 BULLETIN: JOE JARADO, HOWARD WHEELER, RICH DOUGLAS, and FRED G. van den HAAK, who earned "special thanks also, for paying the breakfast for all the early Denny's 'Show Helpers'. It was the third year that he has done this!" MICHAEL S. TURRINI also earned special thanks "for organizing the combination youth and information table. This table is designed to encourage new and young numismatic novices. MICHAEL staffed the table for the entire Show's duration, having to leave at 4:00 AM from his Vallejo, California home!" The PCC ended 2010 with a drawing (raffle) having "over $540.00 in choice coins as prizes" at its December 13, 2010 meeting. E-mail contact for this Club can be at bgreenblatt@yahoo.com.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Joined several local northern California coin clubs with its own fund-raising auction, the Tenth (10th) Annual Helen and Roy Roberts Benefit Auction, at its October 13, 2010 meeting: "with sixty-nine (69) items very generously donated by Club members, we brought in $521.50." It was reported in an earlier RECC's newsletter some biographical background about 'HELEN and ROY ROBERTS': "for those of you who never met ROY or HELEN, they were longtime members of our Club from its early days. ROY was President at one time, and for years, he ran the meeting's auction. HELEN was the trustworthy Treasurer for decades [actually a record twenty-nine (29) years, and when she retired she was granted the title of 'Treasurer Emeritus'.] The RECC's Forty-Third (43rd) Annual Coin Show will be February 18 and 19, 2011, returning to E.L. Finley Hall on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa, California. Information may be telephoned at *707-585-3711.*

RENO COIN CLUB It is time-consuming to prepare and to write these Branch Mint Reports; but, it can be fun to read. From the December 2010 Reno Coin Club's monthly RENO CARTWHEEL, it was reported by the Editor: "Ok, Me Bad. Election Day, Tuesday, November 2, 2010, I was Poll Watching, me with five Democrats, two lawyers, a union coon, and NEA witch, and one other, and then went to the brig victory party with Beef Wellington, ham and palm hearts, crab cakes, bacon wrapped in scallops, chicken in tender sauce, coconut shrimp, chocolate dipped strawberries (you get the idea?) who could have resisted that?" DAVID ELLIOT reported that the Silver State Republican Party is moving Nevada's Primary Election in 2012 to be immediately after Iowa and New Hampshire: "so we expect all the candidates and national news people here spending millions of dollars." Well, NCNAers, You Read It Here First! And, Nevada still has only five (5) Electoral Votes! *Sidebar:* NCNA HEADS AND TALES tries not to limit its report to just numismatics! *LOL!*

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Has One Project This Spring 2011: The American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Money Show, in Sacramento, California, at the Convention Center, March 17, 18, and 19, 2011, with the theme of 'Rediscover Gold In Sacramento'. The SVCC recently wrote to all California local coin clubs, announcing the National Money Show and promoting attendance and participation. Applications for a Page and Numismatic Theatre Presentation were included. The Show Coordinator is JEFF SHEVLIN, and information and updates can be via either www.money.org or www.sacvalcc.org. The October 4, 2010 SVCC Fall Show had these Exhibit Winners: TOM BOWERS, *First Place*, 'Hawaiian Numismatics', PAUL LUCAS, *Second Place*, 'Rail On Notes', PHIL ASHER, *Third Place*, 'Silver Rounds and Bars'. TOMMY HOPKINS claimed the Youth Exhibit for a display of elongated coins. Recent SVCC meeting programs had MIKE CLEMENS, September 22, 2010 with coin supplies and tools, and JERRY CARSMAN, October 27, 2010, on coin grading. While the Show was only a one-day event, as compared to prior years, its success was traced to these hard-working and devoted SVCCers: DAVID and NATALIE HERR, MARION IMEL, MICHAEL NEICOFF, PHIL ASHER, MICHAEL DADLANI, JOHN BITHER, TERRY MIDBY, and STAN KLAGENBERG.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Remembered its Golden Jubilee, Fiftieth (50^{th}) Anniversary, last October 15, 2010, held at Tennessee Grill. Past President MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY brought Charter Member #1 and Founder JOHN SEARS to attend. For JOHN, this was his first visit to the Club in nearly two decades. The Club's fund-raising auction, the Han Hansson Auction, was held, and earned $212.00 for the Club. *Note:* The SFCC wishes to remind that its January 2011 meeting has been scheduled for Third Friday, January 21, 2011, at the Taraval Police Station's Community Room. *Special Note:* For those who ordered or would wish to obtain, the Club's delayed Fiftieth (50^{th}) Anniversary Elongates, rolled on Half Dollars, are being delivered as this NCNA HEADS AND TALES is being printed, and these should be at the aforementioned January 21, 2011 meeting. Anyone attending is entitled to a complimentary one set.

Special Note: The SFCC struggles and a few loyalists 'keep it going'. What is positive is that several old-timers, who have limited mobility, continue to pay dues and contribute. SFCC welcomes anyone to its Fourth Wednesday evening meetings. Information can be contacted at SanFranciscoCoinClub@yahoo.com.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB The SJCC's October 13, 2010 meeting was its Taco Night and Giant Auction: "Refreshment Chair ALLISON PAKER provided a bountiful buffet of taco shells and good things to stuff in the taco shells. She would like to thank STEVE KOOIJ for help with the shopping and cooking. Also, she would like to thank GORDON STUBBS, BRIITA EHLERS, RONALD ISHIZAKI, TONY YU, DANIEL O. SHATTUC, and CHARLES COBB for bringing food items to share." Later, at the November 10, 2010 meeting, LARRY BENSON spoke on *'Bust Halves'*. The SJCC lost a long-time member, NORMAN PRUNIER, last October 18, 2010 due to an automobile accident. He was SJCC's Life Member #61, and recently became a Fifty-Year Member. RAY JOHNSON, an SJCC Past President and current Treasurer, was honored this past December 4, 2010 with a *'President's Medal'* from California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) President MICHAEL S. TURRINI. He joins his wife, SALLY, and his grandson, RYAN, as recipients of this award. Speaking of RYAN, he again this December collected donations for the Second Harvest Food Bank in San Jose, California.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Gathered at the Dixon, California home of DR. RODNEY W. BAKER last December 11, 2010 for its Annual Holiday Party. A small group enjoyed the Quarterly Drawing, and small talk and watching the college football games. President JON-MARIA MARISH made-up Goodie Bags for the attendees. The SSRC's monthly newsletter, SILVER NOTES, is edited by TAMI QUENGA. The SSRC would welcome other silver enthusiasts to its monthly meetings.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Your Editor enjoys reading THE GOLDSTRIKE, the monthly newsletter of the Stanislaus County Coin Club, for its current President, AARON BROWN, always has something.

'Twas the night before the Christmas Party [referring to the Stanislaus County Coin Club]

...and Santa Gaudens, the lesser-known numismatically inclined brother of Santa Claus, was stuck at the airport. "Of all the years for my team of flying buffalo to be out sick," he thought as his frustration grew. "Who's even heard of buffalo flu anyway?"

Across the small table, a suspicious TSA Inspector scrutinized the contents of the Christmas Bags intended for the SCCC's [Stanislaus County Coin Club] Junior Members. "This is mightily peculiar stuff you're carrying, Bub," the Inspector remarked, as he removed a Presidential Dollar form the glittering hoard. "That's an awful lot of gold you're carting around there." Santa Gaudens reflexively rolled his eyes, "They're not real gold. They're just Dollar Coins." "Dollars are paper, not coins," the TSA Dude retorted. "The United States has been making Dollar Coins continuously for the last eleven years!" "Then how come I've never gotten one in change?" Speechless, Santa Gaudens just picked at a pizza stain on his Hawaiian shirt.

"And, look at these Quarters. What's with all the different designs? Are these counterfeits?" "No", replied Santa Gaudens, carefully maintaining his composure, "Again, they've been doing that for the last eleven years." "So, what's supposedly been going on for eleven years: the Dollar Coins or the funky Quarters?" "Well, Both!" "A likely story." We're going to need you to come in for additional questioning, Mr. Gaudens, If that's your real name!" Santa Gaudens simply sighed as he was led away, his sock-and-sandal muffled footsteps unheard by the multitude of Holiday travelers.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has Been Busy: *First*, it reelected its Executive Officers, and they are: HARRY W. DAVIS, *President*, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, *Vice-President*, IRENE CARRILLO, *Secretary*, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, *Treasurer*. *Second*, it held its Seventeen (17th) Annual Maxine M. Hopperstad White Elephant Auction last December 1, 2010, and this grandmother of all northern California fund-raising auctions generated a preliminary $721.00 from one hundred seventy (170) donated lots. MICHAEL M. 'Steamer' STANLEY and MICHAEL S. TURRINI called the Auction, which took two plus (2+) hours. Recorders were SAMANTHA BERRY, DR. RODNEY W. BAKER, and JOHN P. RUSSELL, JR., with Runners, THOMAS CARNEY, MICHAEL P. BUTLER, and ROBERT E. LUNA. *Third*, with its neighbors, the Fairfield Coin Club, the VNS enjoyed its Twenty-Fourth (24th) Annual Christmas Party, this past December 4, 2010, again at Fairfield, California's Anheuser-Busch Brewery. A happy ninety-six (96) attended, and there were enough Door Prizes for everyone and a double call for about half the attendees! The Mega-Drawing took-in $1660.00, a second highest record. Among the presentations, these individuals were honored: American Numismatic Association (ANA) *'President's Award'* to IRENE CARRILLO and HARRY W. DAVIS, California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) *'President's Medals'* to RAY JOHNSON, of San Jose, California, and SYDNEY M. KASS, of Stockton, California, with CSNA *'Tokens of Esteem'* to MICHAEL P. BUTLER, LLOYD G. CHAN, DONALD L. HILL, JAMES E. KERN, and ROBERT E. LUNA, and the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) esteemed *'Miller Medal'* to IRENE CARRILLO and HARRY W. DAVIS. HARRY W. DAVIS, as NCNA President, honored these with his *'President's Medal'*: MICHAEL P. BUTLER, EDWIN T. HOFFMARK, JR., KEVIN M. QUENGA, SR., and KATHY M. 'Nancy' WALSH. The coveted *'Joint Plaque'* went to 'Doctor' LLOYD G. CHAN, who is the Webmaster for www.solanocoinclub.com.

WESTERN WOODEN MONEY CLUB While this specialized assemblage of lignadenarists is limited to wood money, it does welcome anyone who has an interest in woods, and it is the only western United States based wooden money group. The Club issues its quarterly WEST WOOD, and this includes generally notices about recent wood issues. The WWMC will gather on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 11:00 AM, during the Redwood Empire Coin Club's Forty-Third (43rd) Coin Show, in the E.L. Finley Hall on the Sonoma County Fairgrounds, in Santa Rosa, California. The next meeting will on Sunday, May 1, 2011, also at 11:00 AM, during the Vallejo Numismatic Society's Thirty-Ninth (39th) Annual Vallejo Coin Show, at the Show's new site, Vallejo Veterans Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, off either Redwood Parkway or Tennessee Street, in east Vallejo, California. Inquiries are welcomed: write to *'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'*.

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RON MILLER
MEMORIAL AWARD

'The Miller Medal'

Northern California Numismatic Association

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YEAR	RECIPIENT	DATE	SITE OF PRESENTATION	NCNA PRESIDENT
1995	MICHAEL S. TURRINI	5-May-96	24th Vallejo Com Show, Vallejo	Fred G. van den Haak
1996	GORDON R. DONNELL *	14-Dec-96	FCC/VNS 10th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Fred G. van den Haak
1997	JAN D. HENKE	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1997	O.L. WALLIS	13-Dec-97	FCC/VNS 11th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	EDWARD SINS	26-Sep-98	SJCC October 14, 1998 Meeting, San Jose	Gordon R. Donnell
1998	MICHAEL M. STANLEY	26-Sep-98	RECC/VNS 'Commen Night', Amercian Canyon	Gordon R. Donnell
1999	EDGAR D. FULWIDER	3-Aug-99	LNS August 3, 1999 Meeting, Millbrae	Michael M. Stanley
1999	LEE H. GONG	13-Aug-99	ANA CONECA Banquet, Chicago	Michael M. Stanley
2000	*None Presented*			
2001	DR.WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR.	28-Jul-01	4th Annual Nor Cal Show Banquet, Concord	Michael M. Stanley
2002	ALVIN H.W. LO	14-Dec-02	FCC/VNS 16th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2003	FRED G. van den HAAK	13-Dec-03	FCC/VNS 17th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Michael M. Stanley
2004	KENNETH J. BARR	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2004	VINCENT O. LACARIERE	4-Dec-04	Nor-Cal V Show Dinner, Fremont	Michael M. Stanley
2005	*None Presented*			
2006	DENIS N. HOOKER *	13-Jan-07	San Jose, California *by Edward Sins*	Harry W. Davis
2007	MARK Wm. CLARK	28-Mar-08	SFCC March 28, 2008 Meeting, San Francisco	Harry W. Davis
2008	BRIITA M. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2008	DONALD S. EHLERS	9-Dec-08	FCC December 9, 2008 Meeting, Fremont	Harry W. Davis
2009	SYDNEY M. KASS	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2009	JAMES H. LAIRD	5-Dec-09	FCC/VNS 23rd Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	HARRY W. DAVIS	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis
2010	IRENE CARRILLO	4-Dec-10	FCC/VNS 24th Joint Christmas Party, Fairfield	Harry W. Davis

Note: 'The Miller Medal' is presented and awarded by and from the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA), with a maximum of two (2) per calendar year. It is named for the late Ronald Lee Miller (1944--1993), and it is NCNA's highest and most esteemed honor. The award is an engraved silver medal with a portrait of the late 'Ron' Miller plus a small walnut wall plaque. Nominations are called for each January with the selection by the NCNA's Board of Directors.

Deceased *

THE DOUBLOON
A STORY OF PIRATES, ADVENTURE AND TREASURE

A Compilation by Samuel Deal and Michael Brimer

Pirates. High seas adventures. Deserted islands. Treasure chests full of gold. Just as sure as there were cannons, Black Beard and swashbucklers, there were the tales of the piles of gold Doubloons buried in dark island caves. Aye, matey, the Doubloons were there.

The word "doubloon" actually can trace its roots back to the Latin word "duplus," which means "double", then eventually to the Spanish verb "doblón," meaning "to double". The Doubloon was one of 4 original Spanish coinages, along with the Reale, the Escudos, and the Pistole. The Doubloon, a gold piece, got its name from the fact that its value was double that of a pistole (the vernacular term for the Spanish gold coin which was equal to 2 escudos).

The basic Doubloon was actually equivalent to 8 gold Escudo coins (thus the term "pieces of eight") or 32 silver Reales coins, and it weighed about 6.77 grams (0.218 troy ounces). Its value varied from $8.25 in the period 1730–1772, to $8.00 during the American Revolution, and then later to about $7.84 from 1786 to 1848. It was freely used in the West Indies and South American trade. and southerners in the colonial period often had their cash assets in Spanish gold.

MAKING THE DOUBLOON

Doubloons were originally minted in Spain. The unpolished look of the early coin was because of the rudimentary minting process called "cob coinage". In Old World Spain, long before the days of the machine-stamped coins, silver and gold coins were crudely made by hand.

Pure gold was melted down to a liquid and poured onto stone slabs in strips. While the melted gold was still soft, but cool enough for handling, it was pressed or hammered down to meet the appropriate thickness. Then round discs were manually cut from the strip of gold to make the coin blanks. The blank discs were placed inside the bottom-engraved coin die (or stamp), and the top coin die was placed on top. Then the minter would strike the dies several times with a

hammer, and the face and back (heads and tails) of the soft metal disc would be imprinted with the design – turning the blank disc into an actual coin.

After the coin was struck it would be weighed again. Each Doubloon was supposed to weigh roughly 6.77 grams. If it were over weight, small amounts of the metal would be nipped off. Thus its irregular shape. This process was also used in the "new world" in places like Mexico, Peru and Nueva Granada by the explorers in turning the gold that they found into coins to be loaded onto galleons and shipped back to Spain.

The cross struck on the Doubloon's reverse is the "Crusader's Cross." The design signified the undivided union of the Catholic Church and the Spanish government during the 16th and 17th century.

The reverse of some Doubloons depicted a lion and a castle to illustrate the provinces of Leon and Castile, respectively. The obverse of the Doubloon shows the "Hapsburg Shield" which is the family emblem of the House of Hapsburg, the ancestral lineage of Queen Isabela and King Ferdinand of Spain.

Later, as the art of minting improved, a coin press was used. In this case the metal was placed between the two dies and they were pressed against the metal, cutting off the excess metal and making all the coins look pretty much the same.

THE EARLY SPANISH COINS

The face value of the old Spanish Doubloon doubles as the denomination increases. Thus, the smallest denomination of the Doubloon is one Escudo, followed by two escudos, four escudos, and eight escudos respectively. A piece of doubloon is equivalent to 16 silver coin pieces or 128 reales. Traditionally, the gold doubloon and the silver pieces of eight coins were often broken into smaller parts to make half or quarter denominations. The chart below shows how the various coins were valued.

A Chart of Spanish Coins Monetary Worth

Spanish Coin	Commonly called	Equivalent in Reales	Equivalent in Piece of Eight	Equivalent in Doubloons
1/4 Reale	cautorillo	1/4 Reale	1/32 P/E	1/512 Doubloon
1/2 Reale	1/2 reale	1/2 reale	1/16 P/E	1/256 Doubloon
1 Reale	"Bit"	1 Reale	1/8 P/E	1/128 Doubloon
2 Reale	2 Bits, (quarter)	2 reale	1/4 P/E	1/64 Doubloon
4 Reale	1/2 dollar	4 Reale	1/2 P/E	1/32 doubloon
8 Reale	Duro Peso Dollar	8 Reale	1 P/E	1/16 Doubloon
1/2 Escudo	Escudito	8 Reale	1 P/E	1/16 Doubloon
1 Escudo	Escudo	16 Reale	2 P/E	1/8 Doubloon
2 Escudos	Pistole (doubloon*)	32 Reale	4 P/E	1/4 Doubloon
4 Escudos	(doubloon*)	64 Reale	8 P/E	1/2 Doubloon
8 Escudos	Onza Doubloon	128 Reale	16 P/E	1 Doubloon

In Spain, Doubloons were current up to the middle of the 19th century, when Queen Isabella replaced the *escudo*-based coinage with the decimal *reales* in 1859, and replaced the 6.77 gram *doblón* with a new heavier *doblón* worth 100 *reales* and weighing 8.3771 grams (0.268 troy ounces). The last Spanish Doubloons (showing the denomination as 80 *reales*) were minted in 1849.

PIRATES, TREASURE CHESTS, AND GOLD DOUBLOONS

What do you think of when you think of pirate treasure ? Gold and jewels, naturally. And it was the gold Doubloon that was the most sought-after coin, because it was solid gold and it was the main coin circulating in the Carribbean.

The classic era of piracy in the Caribbean extended from around 1560 to about the mid 1720s, but the period during which pirates were most successful was from 1700 until the 1730s, eventually ending in the early 1800's. Many pirates came to the Caribbean after the end of the War of the Spanish Succession. English. Dutch and French arrived in the mid-to-late 17th century and made attempts at earning a living by farming and hunting on Hispanola and nearby islands. But pressed by Spanish raids

and failure to make a living, they turned to a more lucrative occupation (not to mention more active and conducive to revenge) – they became buccaneers. Because Spain controlled most of the Caribbean, many of the cities and ships that were attacked belonged to Spain. In just 15 years, between 1623 and 1638, Dutch pirates captured about 500 Spanish and Portuguese ships – laden with gold, and other trade goods. 100 years later, from 1715 to 1725, some of the best-known pirate bases were still operating in the Bahamas, using Tortuga and Port Royal as safe harbors. Among the most famous Caribbean pirates are Edward Teach or "Blackbeard" Calico Jack Rackham and Henry Morgan. .

Pirates operating in the Caribbean often sailed north to attack targets off the eastern coast of the United States and hauling their stolen goods back to safe ports. 100 years later, in the 1800's (after the Golden Age of Piracy), Jean Lafitte became what is considered by many to be the last buccaneer pirate. He commanded an entire army of pirates and a fleet of pirate ships that operated in the Gulf of Mexico from several bases on and just off the United States mainland - including ones in the unsettled areas of Louisiana and Texas. Some time after participating in the War of 1812's battle of New Orleans, his ships fought several battles against the United States Navy and the United States Revenue Cutter Service. Eventually he was evicted from the area by United States forces - making piracy in the Gulf of Mexico very rare

THE DOUBLOON IN OTHER COUNTRIES

The Spanish doubloon became the prototype for gold coins in other countries.

The gold doubloons were minted in the Portuguese colonies and were called the dobrão.

In Europe, the Doubloon became the model for several other gold coins, including the French Louis d'or which was minted in 1640 by Louis XIII. In Italy, it was known as the Doppia. The Swiss made the Duplone, the Northern Germans the Pistole, and the Prussians made the Fredrich d'or from 1741 until 1855.

In 1787, a goldsmith in New York named Ephraim Brasher made his own gold coins – some of the first in the new colonies. The coin became known as the Brasher Doubloon, and is now one of the rarest of American coins

After their independence, the former Spanish colonies of Mexico, Peru and Nueva Granada continued to mint doubloons. Doubloons have also been minted in Portuguese colonies, where they went by the name *dobrão*, with the same meaning.

OTHER INTERESTING DOUBLOON LORE

- In New Orleans, Louisiana, Rex Krewe made small aluminum discs which he named mardi gras doubloons. Since 1959, it became a tradition to throw the krewes or the aluminum doubloons during the grand Mardi Gras Festival.
- On one minting of the doubloon was a picture of the Pillars of Hercules (the Straits of Gibraltar) overlaid with a scroll. Some think that this is one possible origin of the dollar sign.

- A Doubloon is also used as a slang term for a poker chip.
- A micro doubloon is a smaller denomination of a doubloon like cents to a dollar.
- The Doubloon is also a currency used in the popular online game site Neopets and Poptropica.

WHAT IS THE DOUBLOON COIN VALUE TODAY ?

Doubloons were widely circulated in the West Indies and South America until the year 1860. In the Old World, the Spanish doubloon was considered a gold bullion coin.
So even if the doubloons did not have a legal tender, their value was based on their gold content.

Today, surviving specimens of Spanish gold doubloons with an excellent grade and exceptional rarity has an average price of US $4, 000.

There are doubloon replicas made of golden metal chips that are sold in specialty shops and coin stores. The faux doubloons are usually sold in sets and are only for display. Patterned after the real Spanish escudos, the imitation gold doubloons are priced for a few US dollars.

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RED GOOSE SHOES MEDALS

By **Charlotte Sather,** *Rio Vista, California*

I have two medals with the silhouette of a goose on one side with "Red Goose Shoes" written over the goose, "FOR BOYS" to the left of the goose and "FOR GIRLS" to the right of the goose and "HALF THE FUN OF HAVING FEET" on the bottom. On the reverse side the words "RED GOOSE" on the top, "PREMIUM MONEY" on the bottom and an amount of money in the middle. On a silver medal the amounts went from 10, 25, and 50 cents to $1.00 and the copper tone had an amount of $5.00. The silver medal I have is about the size of a fifty cent piece and has "$1.00" on the reverse side. The copper medal is about the size of a quarter and has "$5.00" on the reverse side.

My research found that Red Goose Shoes was a St. Louis, Missouri company that began selling shoes to pioneer families headed west in 1869 under their original name of Gieseke-D'Oench-Hayes. The company was founded by German emigrants. Gieseke in German was said to be translated as slang for goose. In about 1900, in an attempt to better advertize the company, the name was changed to Goose. During the St. Louis Worlds' Fair in 1904, some stock boys colored the "goose" red on the boxes. The company liked the idea and so "Red Goose Shoes" was trademarked in 1906.

During the 1800's and 1900's St. Louis was the center of American shoe manufacturing. The International Shoe Company bought up many of the shoe companies in the area and incorporated in 1921. International owed many small companies including the Brown Shoe Company, the parent of "Buster Brown Shoes", and "Red Goose Shoes". International let the smaller companies use their known company names. "Red Goose Shoes" remained in business through the 1960's and then disappeared.

During the mid 1900's, children would receive a "prize" each time they bought a pair of Red Goose Shoes. The child could pull the head of the red goose and a golden egg would be dispensed. The "egg" was a bank with a toy or the premium money inside. During the 1960's the goose dispensed the "egg" at the push of a button. The premium money was used as a discount on the next pair of shoes.

The "Red Goose Shoe" premium money, toys, advertizing, and statues have become very collectable. Prices for the silver "medal" on line go for approximately $7.00, while the copper goes for approximately $5.00. A set of various medals can go for as much as $25.00

I remember the "Red Goose Shoes" right along with "Buster Brown Shoes" as a child. I also remember the fluoroscope we stuck our feet into that allowed the salesman to know the shoes fit properly.

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

These coin Club show listings are provided as a free service to the numismatic community by the Northern California Numismatic Association. Show listings are updated quarterly and are available without cost to member Coin Clubs. If you would like to have a show listed, please send all pertinent show information early to: N.C.N.A., Fred G. van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306-0484. You may also e mail the information to: fredvdh@gmail.com

The joint website for the Fairfield Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Vallejo Numismatic Society and Northern California Numismati8c Association is: www.solanocoinclub.com

Jan. 28-30, 2011 SAN JOSE. San Jose 43rd Coin, Stamp and Collectibles Show, Double Tree Hotel, Bayshore Ballroom, 2050 Gateway Place, San Jose. Bourse: Ray Johnson, P. O. Box 10416 San Jose, CA. 95157-1416, Phone: 408-973-1606 sanjosecoins@aol.com. Admission $3.

Feb. 18-19 2011 SANTA ROSA. Redwood Empire Coin Club 443rd Annual Show, E.L. Finley Hall, Sonoma County Fairgrounds, 1350 Bennett Valley Road, Santa Rosa. Bourse: Merle Avila (707) 585-3711 or (707) 824-4811 eves. Admission $1, under 12 free.

Feb. 20, 2011 SAN JOSE. "Cupertino" Coin Club 38th Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Bruce Braga (408) 839-1883 or Cupertino Coin Club, P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448. Free Parking. Admission: $2 adults, youth 17 and under free.

Mar. 6, 2011 LIVERMORE. Livermore Valley Coin Club 48th Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 940 Larkspur, Livermore. Bourse: Steve Kramer, P.O. Box 610, Livermore, Ca. 94551. Phone (925) 422-3794.

Mar. 11-3, 2011 SACRAMENTO. "2011" Wests Token Jamboree, Western Token Society, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento. Bourse/Information: Michael Wehner, P.O. Box 194271, San Francisco, Ca., 94119-4271 Phone: (415) 928-4469; e mail: mf_wehner@yahoo.com website: http://www.exonumia.homestead.com

May 1, 2011 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 39th Annual Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo. (off Redwood Parkway and turn south on Admiral Callaghan) Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPORORI@juno.com.

June 26, 2011	ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Show, Alameda High School Gym, on Oak Street at Central, Alameda. Bourse and Info: Tom Gesner, P.O. Box 99281, Emeryville, Ca. 94662. tmg_investments@yahoo.com
July 9-10, 2011	MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club, Modesto Coin & Collectibles Expo, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street (at 10th and K Streets), Modesto. Bourse: Mike Tandy, P.O. Box 1672, Modesto, Ca. 95353-1672. Phone: (209) 239-1770.
July 23-4, 2011	FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club 39th Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Information: (510) 792-1511; Bourse: Vince Lacariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
July 30-31, 2011	**VALLEJO**. Nor-Cal X Coin Show, Veteran's Memorial Building, 420 Admiral Callaghan Lane, Vallejo, Ca. Open Saturday 10:00 AM-5:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM. Bourse: Harry Davis, 2900 Georgia, Vallejo, Ca. 94591-6602 Phone: 707-642-0216. Information: Michael S. Turrini, P.O. Box 4104, Vallejo, Ca. 94590-0410. Phone: 707-246-6327, e mail: EMPORORI@juno.com.
Aug. 14, 2011	FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 22nd Annual Coin Show, Willow Room, Fairfield Community Center (downtown), 1000 East Kentucky off Pennsylvania. **Admission $1** Bourse Coordinator: Robert Belleau (707) 644-6232, P.O.Box 944, Fairfield, CA 94533-0094
Nov. 6, 2011	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 32nd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com
Nov. 4, 2012	SAN JOSE. Peninsula Coin Club 33rd Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306. Phone: (650) 498-4158 E Mail: fredvdh@gmail.com